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**Speaker Bio:**

Robert Parkes is originally from Harrisburg, PA. He served 15 years in the United State Marine Corps as a MV-22B Osprey Crew Chief and Ground Safety Manager. During his 15 years in, Robert has earned a bachelor's degree in Oceanography with minors in Biology and Chemistry and master's in emergency management from Millersville University in Lancaster, PA. Robert is currently utilizing the Department of Defense skill bridge program to serve as an intern with Innovative Emergency Management (IEM) in their Large City Management section.

**Presentation Title:**

***It's a Win-Win***

Transitioning from military service to civilian life presents challenges for veterans, especially those trying to blaze a new career path. The Military SkillBridge Program gives service members valuable insight into civilian careers during the final months of military service. SkillBridge offers tremendous opportunities for emergency management agencies to access a pool of highly skilled and motivated candidates, and the veterans gain valuable civilian work experience to enhance their employability in the emergency management field. It's a win-win!